



2615  
2615/5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Junya KAKU**

Group Art Unit: **2615**

Serial No.: **09/629,982**

Examiner: **Nhan T. Tran**

Filed: **July 31, 2000**

Confirmation No.: **4508**

For: **ELECTRONIC CAMERA**

Attorney Docket Number: **000921**

Customer Number: **38834**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)/(e)(2)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: May 20, 2005

Sir:

Applicant directs the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. A copy of each non-U.S. document is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of a final action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but before or concurrent with payment of the Issue Fee. A check is attached hereto for the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Information Disclosure Statement under 1.97(e)  
Attorney Docket No. 000921  
Serial No. 09/629,982

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit  
Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

**WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP**



Thomas E. Brown  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 44,450  
Telephone: (202) 822-1100  
Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

TEB/jl

Enclosures: PTOSB/08  
Document (3)  
Check for \$180.00



Combined Form PTO/SB/08A&B				Complete if Known	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	09/629,982
				Confirmation Number	4508
				Filing Date	July 31, 2000
				First Named Inventor	Junya KAKU
				Art Unit	2615
				Examiner Name	Nhan T. Tran
Sheet	One	of	one	Attorney Docket Number	000921

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)		
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> <i>(if known)</i>			
		JP	11-177866		7/2/1999	Hosoe Hiroshi, et al.	Yes (abstract)
		JP	02-086376		3/27/1990	Hamada Taizo	Yes (abstract)
		JP	06-153046		5/31/1994	Mihashi Masashi, et al.	Yes, (abstract)

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov), MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.